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1844-1851

102-122 E. Hamburg St./900-904 Compton St. (North side Hamburg; West side Compton)
Baltimore, Md.

Private access

A short (102-104 E. Hamburg St.) and long row (106-122 E. Hamburg St.) of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs mark this side of Hamburg St. All of the houses were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the southern section of this block and are quite similar to the same type of houses built by Gittings along Hamburg and Wheeling Streets to the west of Light St. 900-904 Compton St. are a row of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built by Francis Kines, who also built a row of similar houses at 905-909 Light St., just to the west of these houses. Many of the houses on this block of Hamburg St. have recently been renovated.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

106-122 E. Hamburg St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This row of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs was built as a unit in the 1840's. Most of the houses have recently been restored.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 13' wide, and occupy lots ranging in depth from 62' to 67'. The houses are two rooms deep and originally had one story high, two bay deep rear additions. These were replaced at some point early in this century by flat-roofed, two story high, two bay deep kitchen additions. The houses are constructed in common bond. The low-pitched gable roofs have two-tiered brick cornices. Each pair shares a centrally located, triple hooded front roof chimney. The chimney at 122 E. Hamburg is located along the east side of the house. Each house also has a hooded rear end chimney, located at the north end of the new kitchen additions.

The houses originally had flat wood lintels and brick header sills on all of the door and window openings. This combination still survives at 106, 112, 114, and 120 E. Hamburg. At 108 and 116 there are flat wood lintels and stone sills; at 110, 118, and 122 there are wood lintels and wood sills. Today the houses have various combinations of sash in the windows. 106 and 110 have 1/1 sash in all of the windows; 120 has 1/1 sash in the first and second story windows, but 3/3 sash in the attic windows. 114 has 6/6 sash in the first floor window and 1/1 sash in the other windows. The rest of the houses (108, 112, 116, 118, and 122) have 6/6 sash in the first and second floor windows and 3/3 sash in the attic windows.

As with the sash, the houses have a mixed array of door types, but all have narrow, rectangular single light transoms. 106, 112, 114, and 120 Hamburg have Mission-style oak doors; 110 and 118 have modern flush doors; and 108, 116, and 122 have modern six panel doors. The houses sit on fairly low basements, the entrances originally being reached by two or three wooden steps. These survive on several of the houses but have been replaced by stone steps on others. Each house has a rectangular coal opening with flat wood lintel located beneath the first floor window. Flat-roofed alleyways run between each pair of houses (106-108, 110-112, 114-116, 118-120).

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1844-1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John S. Gittings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of houses is representative of a large group of such houses built in the Federal Hill area in the 1840's and 1850's to accommodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community.

The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer windows type of house which generally preceded this type chronologically--the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow and tightly winding staircase. Both front and back rooms usually have fireplaces. The kitchens were usually located in a addition built onto the rear of the house. The increase in the height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open room usual with the dormer-storied houses, thus providing welcome additional, and more private living space. Houses of this type were usually rented, a block of such houses often being held by a single landlord, in most cases the builder or developer.

This particular row of houses was built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the lower half of the block bounded by Light St., Hamburg St, William St., and Warren Ave. The houses are almost identical to rows of houses built by Gittings at 4-26 E. Hamburg St. and 3-25 Wheeling St. Today, this group of houses is enjoying extensive renovation activity, with many of the properties having recently been renovated.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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4/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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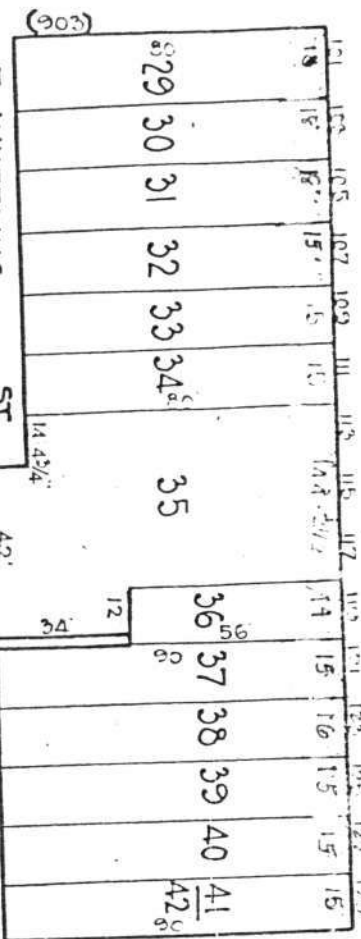
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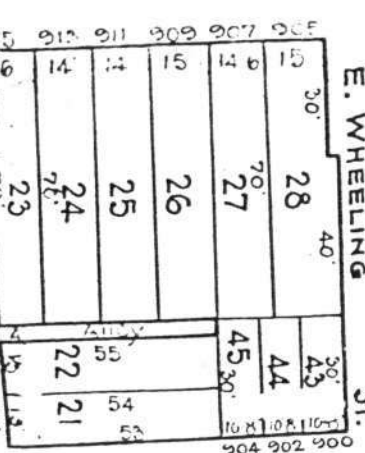
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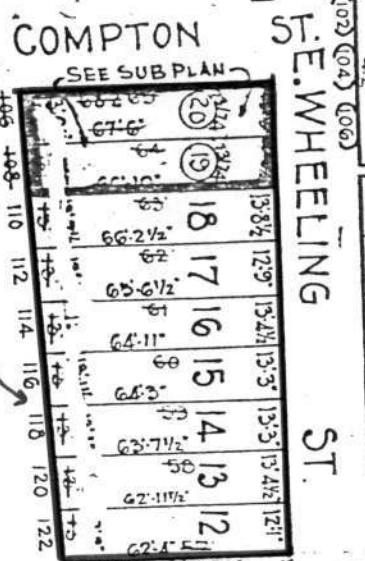
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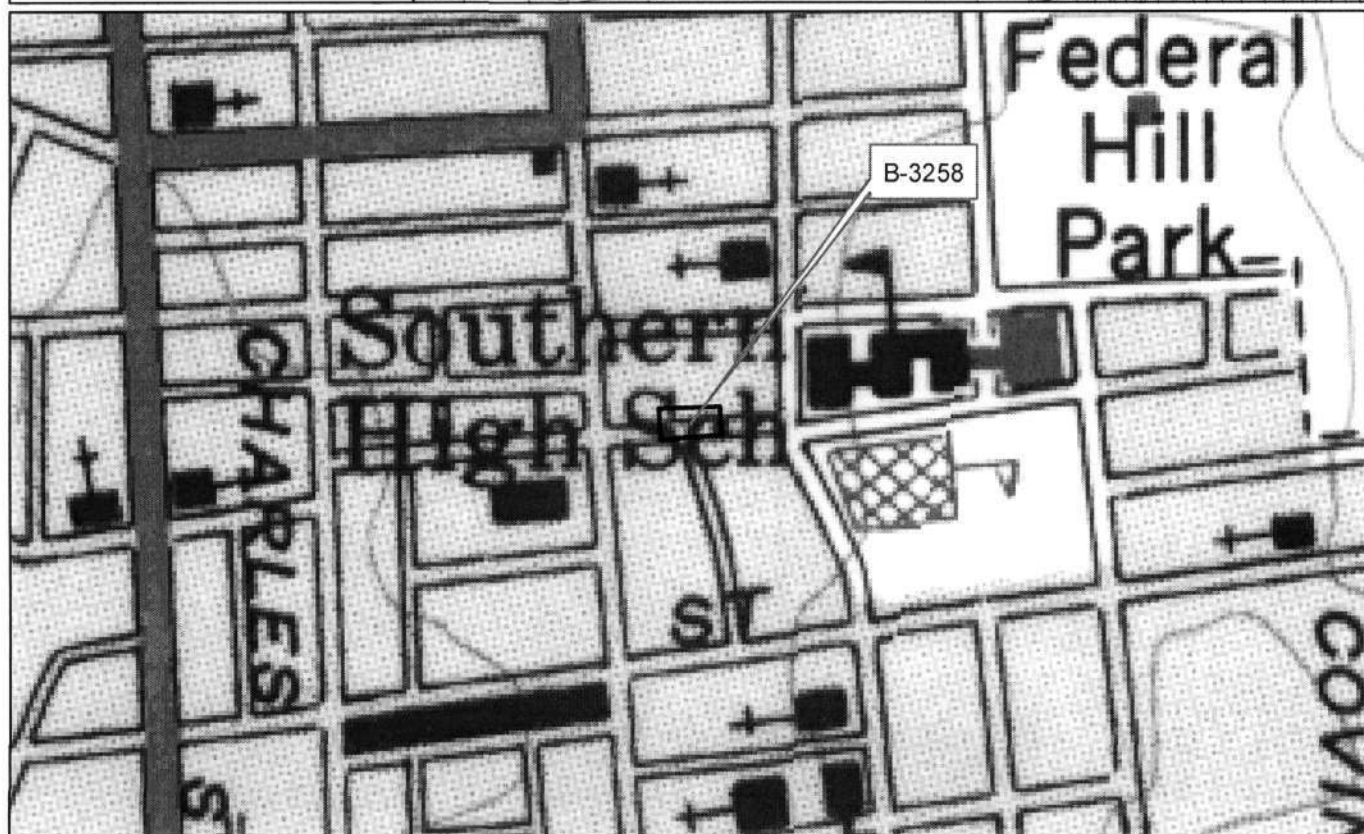
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Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3258 106-122 E. Hamburg St.

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South elevation



B-3258 114-116 E. Hamburg St.

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